

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL INC

Form 8-K

August 11, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

August 11, 2005 (August 8, 2005)

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other
Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

001-13913
(Commission
File Number)

51-0261715
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

6300 Lamar Avenue

Overland Park, Kansas 66202

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(913) 236-2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Registrant's Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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ITEM 1.01: ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

On August 8, 2005, Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. (the Company) entered into a forward interest rate swap agreement with a notional principal amount of \$100 million with The Bank of Nova Scotia (the Agreement) in order to hedge the variability of future interest rates in anticipation of the refinancing of the Company s \$200 million 7.5% senior notes due January 2006. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Company will pay a fixed rate of 4.84% on the total notional amount of \$100 million, beginning on January 18, 2006 through January 18, 2011, in exchange for receiving floating rate payments based on three-month LIBOR on the same notional amount for the same five-year period. The Agreement will be cash settled, in accordance with its terms, on or before January 18, 2006. The foregoing description of the Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Confirmation therefor, a copy of which is attached to this report as Exhibit 10.1.

The Bank of Nova Scotia and/or their affiliates have performed, and may perform in the future, various commercial banking, investment banking or other financial advisory services in the ordinary course of business for the Company and its affiliates, for which they have received, and will receive, customary fees and commissions.

ITEM 9.01: FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

10.1 Confirmation, trade date of August 8, 2005, by and between Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. and The Bank of Nova Scotia.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.

Date: August 11, 2005

By: /s/ Wendy J. Hills
Vice President, Secretary and
Associate General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

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